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1. LA REPS ON ICAO COUNCIL ONLY FIVE: ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, MEXICO, NICARAGUA (CA). THEREFORE "SELECTED" COUNTRIES NOT DIFFICULT. "DISCREET" CONTACTS NOT ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE IN CONTEXT OF IN-RESIDENCE COUNCIL/COMMITTEES.

2. AS OFTEN REPORTED, LA BLOC CLOSE AND SOLID (OFTEN INCLUDING SPAIN). CAUCUS REGULARLY WITH ARGENTINA'S LAMI-DOZO CHAIRING. ALL VERY FORTHRIGHT COOPERATIVE, ALWAYS GIVING US THEIR POSITIONS IN ADVANCE ON MAJOR ISSUES AND SUPPORTING US TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE.

3. USREP TALKED FIRST WITH LAMI-DOZO (DESCRIBED IN CORRIDORS AS "MAN TO BE RECKONED WITH AT ASSEMBLY"). HIS RESPONSE "YOU KNOW I ALWAYS FAVOR DISCUSSIONS". HE WILL RECOMMEND TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND GIVE USREP REPLY IN ONE WEEK.

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4. BRAZIL WAS ADVISED AS A COURTESY THAT OVERTURES HAD BEEN MADE

TO HIS GOVERNMENT; (ON ASSUMPTION HE WOULD LEARN WITHIN MINUTES FROM HIS LA COLLEAGUES OF REP'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM). HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH GOB FAVORABLE RESPONSE. FYI. REFTEL D, PARA 3 REFLECTS BRAZIL REP ATTITUDE, STRONGLY FORMULATED NY ASSEMBLY. END FYI.

5. COLOMBIA CALLED ON USREP TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR ASSISTANCE GETTING SON IN AIR FORCE ACADEMY. USREP TOOK PROPITIOUS MOMENT EXPRESS HOPE FOR COOPERATION LEADING UP TO ASSEMBLY. COLOMBIA REP INDICATED WISH TO CONTINUE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP. HOWEVER, RE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TALKS, HE POINTED OUT COLOMBIA GOV'T CHANGES JULY AND "WILL BE NEW PEOPLE INVOLVED" FROM MINISTER LEVEL THROUGH DGCA, ASSEMBLY DELEGATION AND PERHAPS REP. PERSONALLY HE FAVORS TALKS AND WILL PURSUE IF APPROPRIATE THIS SUMMER BUT SAID USELESS NOW. FYI. COLOMBIA REP FOLLOWS CAUCUS AND LEADERSHIP ARGENTINA/BRAZIL ENTIRELY. END FYI.

6. NICARAGUA (CA) REP WILL BE IN MANAGUA AUGUST. IS POSITIVE US CAN EXPECT USUAL COMPLETE GON COOPERATION IN ASSEMBLY. COSTA RICA WILL BE REPLACING NICARAGUA ON COUNCIL AS CAREP, HOWEVER. FYI OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS RE CA REPORTED SEPTTEL. END FYI.

7. MEXICO REP FEELS HE AND GOM PROBABLY INTERESTED PRELIMINARY TALKS. (HOWEVER, RODRIGUEZ-TORRES HEADING DELEGATION.) MEXREP SUGGESTS DEPENDS ON SUBJECT. CONFIDENTIALLY SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO "SCREEN" SUBJECTS AND ADVISE USREP WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL AND WHICH USELESS/DETRIMENTAL. IN BROADER SCOPE HE QUESTIONED ADVISABILITY "MAKING BIG DEAL" OF ADVANCE COORDINATION WHEN APPEARS TO BE NO CRISIS IN OFFING AND ITEMS SO FAR ARE FAMILIAR AND CAN BE HANDLED AT ASSEMBLY. HE SAID US "TALKS" ALL OVER WORLD MIGHT BLOW SOME ITEMS OUT OF PROPORTION.

8. MEXICO REP SAID 19 OF 20/21 LA COUNTRIES HAVE NOW APPROVED MEXICO CANDIDACY FOR COUNCIL. IN VIEW US POLICY AS SET FORTH IN REPLY TO GOM'S REQUEST FOR SUPPORT, WOULD US NOW CONSIDER SUPPORTING. USREP ASKED IF LA HAD SELECTED ALL CANDIDATES. REPLIED THIS WILL BE DONE DURING CLAAC ASSEMBLY BA END AUGUST.

9. FYI. IN USREP VIEW, MEXICO TALKS WOULD BE USEFUL IVEN SUPPORT AND COORDINATION NOW FORTHCOMING IN COUNCIL/COMMITTEES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO, SOME INTIMATIONS MEXICO WORRIED ABOUT COUNCIL SEAT IF NEW COUNCIL DISTRIBUTED 9-10-11. END FYI.

10. USREP WILL REPORT REACTIONS AFTER REPS HEAR FROM GOVT'S. HOWEVER, (A) DIFFICULT TO GET REASONABLE REACTION ON OPEN-ENDED BASIS "WOULD YOU WISH TALK SOMEWHERE, SOMETIME, WITH SOMEBODY, ABOUT SOMETHING;" BUT (B) USREP REITERATES IMPORTANCE LA BLOC UP-COMING ASSEMBLY. COUNCIL COUNTRIES NOW APPRECIATE THEIR

"SWING VOTE" ROLE AND ARE PREPARED ACT RESPONSIBLY, REASONABLY, COOPERATING FULLEST EXTEND POSSIBLE WITH US DELEGATION. USREP SEES ADVANCE COORDINATION WITH LA COUNTRIES IN ICAO TOP PRIORITY.

11. RE FIVE SUBJECTS SET FORTH STATE 110330. ICAO MONTREAL HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE ON ALL SUBJECTS THROUGH SEVERAL PAPERS/ POSITIONS FOR PAST YEAR INCLUDING PREPARATION ASSEMBLY POSITION PAPERS CURRENTLY. TALKS WITH LA PARTICULARLY SHOULD BE LOW KEY UNLESS SOME AJOR INITIATIVE ANTICIPATED. MONTREAL DELEGATIONS VERY MUCH AWARE "SPIRIT TEOTELOLCO," WHICH THEY VIEW AS SUPPORT FOR WHAT THEY ALREADY REGARD AS EXCELLENT TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN ICAO.
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